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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations presents its complements to the Office of the President of the Security Council for the month of December 2010, and has the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 6 December 2010 addressed to you from H.E. Mr. Hoshyar Zebari, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, regarding Iraq's fulfilment in the area of disarmament issues (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of Iraq also has the honour to request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Baghdad, 6 December 2010

Further to my letter of 18 January 2010 to the President of the Security Council, my letters of 18 and 28 January 2010 to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and, in particular, my letter of 17 February 2010, in which I expressed Iraq's intention to voluntarily apply the Protocol Additional to the Safeguards Agreement pending its ratification by the Council of Representatives. It should be noted that the Additional Protocol is currently before the Council of Representatives for ratification. I should also like to refer to the Director General's letter, dated 11 March 2010, commending Iraq's excellent cooperation, and my letter to the Agency, dated 7 July 2010, by which Iraq submitted its initial notification to IAEA in accordance with the Additional Protocol, article 17.a. On 29 November 2010, Iraq submitted its declaration for the third quarter of 2010. Furthermore, Iraq signed the Hague Code of Conduct on 11 August 2010, thereby becoming the 131st subscribing State. Iraq acceded to the Chemical Weapons Convention on 12 February 2009 and is now a member of the Executive Council of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). The Iraqi Government has put into place well-designed mechanisms to control dual-use substances and has made IAEA and OPCW aware of them. Iraq also signed the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty in October 2008. By its decision No. 133 (2010), the Iraqi Government approved a draft law concerning accession to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material. That draft law is currently before the Council of Representatives for ratification. I am also pleased to refer to the statement made by the President of the Security Council on 26 February 2010, in that statement, the President welcomed the measures taken by Iraq to comply with the disarmament and non-proliferation regimes. Iraq continues to consolidate compliance on the basis of article 9 (c) of its Constitution, which provides that the Iraqi Government shall respect and implement Iraq's international obligations regarding the non-proliferation, non-development, non-production, and non-use of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and shall prohibit associated equipment, material, technologies, and delivery systems for use in the development, manufacture, production and use of such weapons.

Having fulfilled all its obligations, Iraq hopes that the Security Council will fulfil its pledges to lift the outstanding restrictions pertaining to disarmament imposed on Iraq, in accordance with relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 687 (1991) and 707 (1991).

(*Signed*) Hoshyar **Zebari**
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